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SUBJECT: SADAT'S CAIRO CONFERENCE: PUBLIC REACTION
IN KUWAIT

1. PRESS REACTION. KUWAITI EDITORIAL REACTION TO THE CONVENING OF THE CAIRO CONFERENCE IS GENERALLY, BUT NOT UNIFORMLY, HOSTILE. WHILE ONE KUWAITI DAILY, AL-SIYASAH, HAS COME OUT WITH TWO MORE PRO-SADAT EDITORIALS, THIS WEEK, FOLLOWING ITS EARLY EDITORIAL LINE APPLAUDING THE EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI RAPPROCHEMENT, MOST EDITORIAL COMMENT HAS ATTACKED SADAT AND THE CONFERENCE. AL SIYASAH (DEC. 11) WARNED READERS THAT CURRENT DISUNITY IN THE ARAB WORLD MIGHT FORCE SADAT TO
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SETTLE FOR BILATERAL PEACE, ALLEGING THAT "THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE WANT SADAT TO PROCEED WITH HIS PEACE INITIATIVE EVEN IF IT LEADS TO SEPARATE PEACE." IN ANOTHER EDITORIAL AL SIYASAH (DEC. 13) ASSERTED THAT PRES. SADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVE IS AN "OPPORTUNITY WHICH SHOULD NOT BE LOST" BUT THAT ARAB LEADERS WHO "PLACE PERSONAL INTERESTS BEFORE THOSE OF THEIR NATIONS"

MAY MAKE IT FOUNDER, WHICH EVEN THEY EVENTUALLY WILL SEE AS UNFORTUNATE WHEN "ARAB CONDITIONS RETURN TO NORMAL." AL WATAN (DEC. 14), HOWEVER, CALLED THE CAIRO CONFERENCE "AN AMERICAN-ISRAELI TRAP" AT WHICH SECRETARY VANCE WILL PLAY "THE NOW RUSTY TUNE OF COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT." AL RAI AL AM (DEC. 13) ALLEGED THAT THE CONFERENCE IS A PART OF THE GREAT CONSPIRACY "TO TEAR TO SHREDS EXISTING ARAB FORCES," CITING THE OMANI-UAE BORDER DISPUTE AS ANOTHER SIGN OF THE CONSPIRACY. AL QABAS (DEC. 13) CALLED ON ARABS TO RECONCILE WITH EGYPT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING IT FROM RESIGNING FROM THE "ARAB NATION," FOR FEAR OF WHAT "RESIGNATION" MIGHT DO TO THE PEOPLE OF EGYPT AND OTHER ARABS.

2. PALESTINIAN PROTEST STATEMENT. PRESS REPORTS THAT LEADERS OF A NUMBER OF PLO-LINKED PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS IN KUWAIT MET DEC. 13 AT PLO HEADQUARTERS AND ISSUED A STATEMENT REJECTING THE CAIRO CONFERENCE, WARNING "PALESTINIAN PARTIES" FROM ATTENDING IT, CONDEMNING "NEUTRAL ATTITUDES" OF SOME ARABS TOWARD SADAT'S RAPPROCHEMENT WITH ISRAEL, WARNING OF A "NEW CONSPIRACY" AGAINST PALESTINIANS IN SOUTH LEBANON AND CALLING FOR A SYRIAN-IRAQI "UNDERSTANDING."

3. UNIVERSITY STUDENT ACTIVITY. THERE IS ALSO ONE PRESS REPORT TO THE EFFECT THAT SOME UNIVERSITY STUDENT UNCLASSIFIED

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GROUPS PLAN A "SIT IN" IN CLASS TO PROTEST THE CAIRO MEETING. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CONFIRM AS YET ANY "SIT IN."
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